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POINTS FOR REPLY TO TOAST AT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S

LUNCHEON OR DINNER JULY 29.

REF: OUAGADOGUGOU 2840

1. FOLLOWING ARE TALKING POINTS FOR MISS LILLIAN TO REPLY TO
TOAST AT PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S LUNCHEON OR DINNER ON JULY 29.

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2. MR. PRESIDENT, ON BEHALF OF ALL OF US I WANT TO THANK
YOU FOR THE WARM WELCOME WE HAVE RECEIVED IN UPPER VOLTA.
IT IS CLEAR THAT THE VOLTAN REPUTATION FOR HOSPITALITY
TO VISITORS IS WELL DESERVED, AND WE APPRECIATE IT.

3. I BRING YOU GREETINGS FROM PRESIDENT CARTER, AND I
ALSO BTING YOU HS REGRETS THAT HE COULD NOT BE ON THIS

TRIP WITH ME. AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER VISITED AFRICA RECENTLY AND PLACES A VERY HIGH VALUE ON THE FRIENDLY RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND AFRICAN NATIONS. HE IS VERY INTERESTED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF YOUR COUNTRY, AND FOR THAT REASON HE ASKED ME TO BE HIS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE ON THIS TRIP.

4. MR. PRESIDENT, SINCE OUR ARRIVAL IN OUAGADOUGOU WE HAVE ALREADY SEEN EVIDENCE OF THE EFFORTS YOU ARE MAKING TO PROVIDE A BETTER LIFE FOR YOUR PEOPLE. SINCE OUR OWN FAMILY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE FOR MANY GENERATIONS, PRESIDENT CARTER AND I UNDERSTAND HOW DIFFICULT IT CAN BE WHEN NATURE PROVIDES TOO LITTLE RAINFALL FOR CROPS TO GROW PROPERLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT RAINFALL HAS BEEN GOOD IN MOST PARTS OF UPPER VOLTA THIS YEAR, AND WE SHARE YOUR HOPE THAT IT WILL CONTINUE

5. BUT WHILE THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT CONTINUE TO HAMPER FOOD PRODUCTION, YOU CAN COUNT ON THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO HELP AND TO WORK WITH YOU IN ANY WAY WE CAN TO FIND LONG TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS FACED BY YOUR FARMERS.

6. MR. PRESIDENT, I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED THAT I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MEET MRS. LAMIZANA AND MRS. TRAORE AND TALK WITH THEM ABOUT THE ROLE PLAYED BY WOMEN IN VOLTA LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DEVELOPMENT. THIS IS A SUBJECT THAT INTERESTS ME VERY MUCH, AND I CONGRATULATE YOU FOR RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN IN YOUR COUNTRY'S DEVELOPMENT.

7. FINALLY, MR. PRESIDENT, LET ME SAY AGAIN HOW HAPPY WE ARE TO BE HERE. THE WONDERFUL WELCOME WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM YOU AND THE VOLTA PEOPLES HAS MADE OUAGADOUGOU ONE OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR TRIP. KILLION

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